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Minutes of the

Tippah Baptist Association.\*

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# MINUTES

OF THE

Thirtieth Annual Session

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## Tippah Baptist Association,

Held with

Fallner Church, Tippah County, Mississippi, Sept.,  
1st, 2nd and 3rd, 1892.

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### NEXT SESSION.

The next session of this body will be held with Shady Grove (T.,) about 7 miles North West of Blue Mountain, beginning on Thursday before the 1st Sunday in Sept., 1893. Eld. E. J. Eubanks was chosen to preach the Introductory Sermon, with Eld. W. D. Bene Alternate.

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### OFFICERS:

ELD. W. E. BERRY.....	MODERATOR.
J. W. CRUMP.....	CLERK.
ELD. J. N. McMILLIN.....	TREASURER.

### EXECUTIVE BOARD:

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H. H. RAY,

W. H. M. DURHAM,  
J. F. GUYTON,  
J. A. NORRISS,

ELD. J. N. McMILLIN.

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## MINUTES.

FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION, Falkner Church, Sept. 1, '92.

The Association met at 11 o'clock a. m. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Eld. J. N. McMillin. Text, 16th verse 3rd chapt. John. Then adjourned for refreshments to 2 o'clock p. m.

EVENING SESSION, 2 P. M.

The Association was called together by singing "Jesus Lover of My Soul." The former Moderator, Eld. L. P. Cossitt, not being present, the clerk announced the Association ready for business. Rev. W. E. Berry was chosen Moderator *pro tem*. He then proceeded to read a lesson from the 12th chapter Romans. Prayer by Eld. W. D. Lancaster.

Eld. J. N. McMillin and M. R. Stark were appointed reading clerks.

Letters were then read and delegates seated from the following churches: Academy, Ashland, Bethlehem, Beulah, Blue Mountain, Bluff Springs, Canaan, Central, Clear Creek, Falkner, Fellowship, Flat Rock, Harmony, Hickory Flat, Hopewell, Lebanon, Mount Moriah, New Bethel, New Hope, New Macedonia, New Prospect, Oaklimer, Pleasant Hill (B.) Ripley, Shady Grove (T.) Shady Grove (U.) Unity.

The Moderator appointed Eld's J. L. Ferguson and Frank Ray tellers, after which proceeded to permanent organization by electing Moderator. Clerk and Treasurer. Election resulted as follows: Eld. W. E. Berry was elected Moderator, J. W. Crump Clerk, and Eld. J. N. McMillin, Moderator.

A petitionary letter was read from Mitchell church, which church was received a member of this body, and delegates seated.

The following Order of Business was adopted:

### ORDER OF BUSINESS.

- 1st—Call for Petitionary letters.
- 2nd—Read Constitution, Abstract of Faith, and Rules of Decorum.

3rd—Appoint Committees.

4th—Invite visiting brethren to seats.

5th—Appoint Correspondents.

6th—Call for Reports.

7th—Elect Executive Board.

9th—Select next place of meeting and a preacher to preach Associational sermon.

9th—Call roll and mark absentees.

The Association then called for and heard the reading of the constitution, Abstract of Faith and Rules of Decorum. The 7th Art. of Abstract of Faith was amended by substituting the word "preservation" instead of "perseverance" in first line. Also the 5th Art. of Rules of Decorum, was amended by striking out what comes after the word "motion" in second line to end of sentence, and read instead "and second;" also strike out "take it by yeas and nays" in fifth line and insert "call for a vote."

The following committees were appointed:

DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES—Pastor and Deacons of Falkner church with Bro's., A. L. Collins and J. T. Deen.

PUBLICATIONS—Eld. W. G. Thompson, E. T. Doyle, J. W. Shackelford

EDUCATION—Eld. W. T. Lowrey, D. D., D. M. Street, J. W. Hodges.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS—J. W. Lowrey, M. C. Selph, J. P. Holcombe.

STATE MISSIONS—Eld. J. N. McMillen, W. T. Grisham, W. J. McIntyre.

It was decided to devote the hour from 11 to 12 o'clock to-morrow to the discussion of the Centennial Mission movement.

Adopted the same order of daily business with slight changes as found in our minutes of last year.

Adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow. Prayer by Eld. W. G. Thompson.

## SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION, 9 A. M., Friday Sept 2nd, '92.

The Ass'n met pursuant to adjournment. Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. W. T. Lowrey. Joined in singing "What a friend we have in Jesus. Prayers offered by Eld's J. T. Cox and M. Gillian.

The minutes of yesterday were read, corrected and adopted. Called for letters from churches not represented yesterday. Letter from Union church was read and delegates seated.

The Mod then made a further announcement of committees as follows:

TEMPERANCE—Frank Terrell, R W Hodges, Thos Duncan, M A Rich.

FINANCE—J A Norriss, M R Stark, W T Green

HOME MISSIONS—J Finch Ray, J J Shackelford, Eld W E Lancaster.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—W T Lowrey, D D., T L Gay T P Luna, Z Smith.

A letter was then read from Pleasant Hill (T) and delegates seated.

The following visiting brethren were present and invited to seats with us: Eld J L Ferguson from Chickasaw Ass'n., Eld Frank Ray from Warrior, and Eld J W West of Unity.

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Appointed correspondents by passing the following resolution: That any member of this body is authorized to act as a correspondent to any other body with which we correspond. (To learn the times and places of meeting of these bodies, subscribe for and read the *Southern Baptist Record*.)

A letter was read from Providence and delegates seated.

The report on Publications was read by Eld W G Thompson and after being discussed by himself, Eld's W T Lowrey, D. D., W E Lancaster. was adopted.

## REPORTS.

### PUBLICATIONS.

Your committee on Publications beg leave to report that as this is an age of reading, we ought to be wide awake to the fact that the printing press is a growing power in the land. Who can estimate the amount of reading matter that goes to the millions of homes throughout our country. Much of it is full of corruption, corrupting the morals of our people and hindering the gospel. On the other hand, the printing press is an immense power for good, and is doing much and should do more in spreading abroad the truth. We refer with pleasure to the publications, both of our American Baptist Publication Society, and of the Southern Baptist Convention. These helps are of great advantage in Sunday School work; and in fact in all our church work. From these societies we can procure tracts for inquirers that are of great advantage in leading them into the light. Doctrinal tracts can be obtained here that help our people to understand God's word. We mention also the *Foreign Mission Journal* which ought to be in every Baptist family. We mention especially the *Southern Baptist Record* as our own state organ, which has done so great a work in unifying the Baptists of the state in our work. Then we have the Home Field, and the Convention Board Quarterly which gives a great deal of information regarding the work of our people.

We would urge upon the pastors to see that their people have a good supply of good reading matter. We think there are many places in our Association where Baptists need indoctrinating. This would be a good work for some of us who have the means.

Now last but not least we would recommend the Bible as the book for our people. Let us study it daily meditate in it day and night. We refer you in addition, to the Baptist Book House at Jackson, Miss., for religious books and tracts, where you may procure any book you may wish.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. W. SHACKELFORD,	} Com.
W. G. THOMPSON,	
E. T. DOYLE,	

The discussion of the Centennial movement was then taken up which

was made special for this hour. It was discussed in connection with the report of the Executive Board which was read by Eld. W. E. Berry. The very interesting discussion which followed was participated in by Eld's. W E Berry, W T Lowrey, D. D. Pending the discussion the Association adjourned for refreshments.

#### EVENING SESSION.

The Association was called together by singing. Prayer by Eld J W West. The report of the Executive Board was then adopted.

#### EXECUTIVE BOARD.

*Dear Brethren:*—It is with gratitude to Almighty God for His continued blessings, that we submit this, our annual report. Although the year has been one of unusual embarrassment on account of the great financial pressure, the work done has been very encouraging. The Treasurer's report will show that the contributions from the churches have been as large as in some years of greater prosperity. Much of this, however, has been accomplished by the earnest and effective co-operation of some of the pastors with your Board.

In our last report we recommended that an effort be made to secure a contribution from every member of every church. This we know can never be done, yet great advancement can be made toward that desirable end. We asked each church to try to raise a definite amount for missions in general and to direct or leave the board to direct to the various departments of our work. This plan, we think a good one, and again recommend it and urge the churches to attempt to raise the following:

Academy.....	\$ 40.00
Ashland.....	20.00
Bethlehem.....	10.00
Beulah.....	25.00
Blue Mountain.....	350.00
Bluff Springs.....	10.00
Canaan.....	20.00
Central.....	10.00
Chewalla.....	10.00
Clear Creek.....	10.00
Curtis ".....	10.00
Falkner.....	10.00
Fellowship.....	40.00
Flat Rock.....	40.00
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Oaklimeter.....	10.00
Pleasant Hill, (B)....	10.00
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" Ridge.....	5.00
Providence.....	15.00
Ripley.....	100.00
Shady Grove (T).....	10.00
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Union.....	100.00
Unity.....	30.00
Woman Societies.....	

We have supplemented the salary of Bro L P Cossitt at Central \$25. He in turn contributes this amount to missions. Brother A C Vandiver reports his field to be self-supporting, and asks for no further help. We have also assisted Brother A J R Willbanks at New Bethel to the amount of \$25; Brother M Gillian at Bluff Springs, \$10; Brother H B Russum at New Prospect, \$15; and Brother Crawford at Pleasant Ridge, \$25. We do this with the understanding that these churches do something in return for the work of the Board. Your Board has continued co-operation with the Board of the Baptist State Convention. It is gratifying to know that our Association is a factor in the great work that is being done by that body. We append herewith an extract from the report made at the last convention.

The grace of our Lord Jesus has abounded richly towards us in all good words and works. The Board would return thanks to the Giver of all good for his blessings toward us.

As all know this has been a year full of financial trials. The great floods in the early spring and continuing into the present, the almost unprecedented low price of cotton, the political agitation of a Presidential year, the general depression and gloom among all classes of people, have all gone to render this a year of peculiar difficulties. Yet in the face of all these unfavorable conditions, the Board is able to present a report quite up, and in some regards much ahead of former years. This success has been due, in a large measure, to pastors and brethren, who have let no difficulty stand in the way of taking regular collections. The harder the times the more determined were they that the work of the Lord should not languish. They were on their metal. The Centennial agitation for Foreign Missions has also stimulated many into more active zeal for Missions at home and abroad.

The general condition of the State Mission work is encouraging. Perhaps less has been done in colportage than last year, on account of the scarcity of money; but many good books have been sold and the work



goes bravely on.

## FOREIGN MISSIONS.

This is the most popular department of our work. More of our churches give to Foreign Missions than to any other object fostered by the Board. Some churches give to this object alone. Yet greater things are asked of us by the Foreign Mission Board, and to the utmost we will endeavor to meet their demands.

## HOME MISSIONS.

It is gratifying to note that the contributions to Home Missions are constantly increasing. Yet it is a matter of profound regret that our people are not interested in this work as they ought to be. The Board would urge upon our pastors and churches the necessity of giving due attention to Home Missions, and not to rest satisfied till it receives the same attention as State and Foreign Missions.

## SUSTENTATION.

The caring for our aged preachers, their widows and orphans, is a great work. Fortunately but few of our preachers need help, or at any rate but few of them ask for help. But there are cases of destitution, and it is our duty and privilege to assist all such. This is what the Board is trying to do. We commend our aged brethren to the good will and bounty of the churches.

## WOMAN'S WORK.

The Woman's Central Committee, and the Woman's Missionary Societies have all been efficient and active in the work. We present their report. We are now in the midst of the great movement that is stirring the hearts of the Baptist of the world.

## THE CENTENNIAL OF MISSIONS.

One hundred years ago the plans upon which we are now working were inaugurated. Through all these years the Lord of hosts has blessed His work and His people. For one hundred years the Powers of Darkness have endeavored to suppress this mighty work, but as years come and go it increases in grandeur and in power. The subject of missions is being discussed in all our borders, and greater efforts for advancement are being made than ever before. Special meetings are being held. The best talent in the land are coming to the front. In every Association in our state, perhaps, some preparation will be made for this great movement. Brethren, a conflict is raging. Prince Immanuel, the Leader and Commander of His people is marshaling His host for the contest among the

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Associations of our state the call begins in North Mississippi. Ours is among the first to meet. A great battle is to be fought, a brilliant victory to be won. Shall the gallant Tippah wheel into line and be ready for the onward march? Let every church and every pastor say "By the help of God we will."

Respectfully Submitted,

W E BERRY, Ch'n.

The report on Education was then called for and read by Rev W T Lowrey, D. D. Spoken to by himself, Eld's W G Thompson, J N Mc-Millin, W D Lancaster and adopted.

### EDUCATION.

To educate means to develop. The purpose of education is to make more efficient men and women; men and women with more knowledge, with stronger minds, with stronger character. The Baptists are becoming to be leaders in educational matters. No denomination in the South, we think, is doing more in this line than the Baptists. In Mississippi, we have the Mississippi College at Clinton with over 200 students, with six female schools in the state under the control of Baptist's and a large number of private schools. We are also largely represented in the faculty of most of our State schools. We, as a people, ought to take more and more interest in education. We urge our brethren to take an interest in the schools of their communities. Tippah Association is blessed with Baptist schools. The Blue Mountain Female College is the largest Baptist Female school in the state and one of the largest in the South.

Blue Mountain Male Academy is also under the entire control of Baptists and we commend it to the brethren of the Association.

We call special attention to Mississippi College at Clinton. At our last state convention it was decided to move the college from Clinton to Meridian, in case the city of Meridian would give the college 30 acres of ground in one and a half miles of the city limits, and (\$50,000) fifty thousand dollars by Jan. 1st, 1893 cash, as a building fund. The city has raised most of the money and will hardly fail to raise the rest.

Few of our brethren know how cheaply a boy can attend Mississippi College. He can attend there for as little expense as he can attend most of the normal schools and the advantages are far greater.

If education is important for other people it is certainly important for preachers; and we urge our churches to encourage and assist our young preachers in securing an education.

W T LOWREY, }  
G M STREET, } Com.  
J W HODGES, }

Called for report on Sunday Schools, which was read by Brother J W Lowrey and discussed by himself, and Eld W G Thompson. Pending this

discussion adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning

### THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION, Sat. Sept., 3, '92, 9 a. m.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment, being called together by singing.

The devotional exercises were conducted by Eld J L Ferguson.

Minutes of yesterday were read, corrected and adopted.

Resumed discussion of the report on Sunday Schools by Eld's W D Lancaster, J N McMillin, W T Lowrey, W E Lancaster, W G Thompson, J W West and adopted.

### SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Believing the Sunday School to be one of the most efficient means for leading the young of the land to a better knowledge of the scriptures and the great plan of salvation, your committee would urge the great importance of every Baptist church in the bounds of this Association, having under its control a well-organized, evergreen, working, Baptist Sunday School. We would, therefore, recommend that pastors make special efforts to have Sunday Schools organized in the churches with which they are connected as pastors; and that the literature used be that published at Nashville, Tenn., under the direction of the Southern Baptist Convention.

J W LOWREY,  
M C SELPH,  
J P HOLCOMBE. } Com.

Called for report on Missions. The report on State Missions was read by Eld J N McMillin; the report on Home Missions was read by Eld W E Lancaster; the report on Foreign Missions was read by Eld W T Lowrey. These three reports were discussed jointly by Eld's J N McMillin, W E Lancaster, W T Lowrey, and W E Berry. Pending this discussion adjourned for refreshments.

### EVENING SESSION.

The Association was called together by singing "Work for the night is coming." Prayer was offered by Bro H L Finley. Resumed the discussion of the three reports on Missions by Eld's H L Finley, W D Lancaster and adopted.

### STATE MISSIONS.

Your committee report the following: During the present year there has been 59 missionaries in the field. These have occupied 257 stations, delivered 2404 sermons and addresses and received 550 additions. There have been organized 9 churches, and 46 Sunday Schools. This, as you see, is very encouraging, and especially so when we consider the fact that this has been a year of many difficulties on account of financial matters.

But there are many other destitute places in the state that ought to be



occupied. The cause demands it, duty demands it. It will not be enough for the work another year to be up to that of this year. We must advance.

We earnestly recommend that our Association continue to remember this department of the mission work, and urge the churches not to fall behind, but to advance in their contributions, and help in the work that pertains to our own state.

J N McMILLIN,  
W T GRISHAM,  
W J MCINTYRE,  
J W DAVIS.

## HOME MISSIONS.

Your committee on Home Missions beg leave to report as follows: Christianity in its nature is aggressive. The term Christian means Christ-like. It is written: If any man have not the spirit of Christ he is none of His. The spirit of Christ is a missionary spirit. The spirit moved the Father to send His Son into the world to suffer and die for sinners. This same spirit prompted the Son to give himself a sacrifice for sin, and to "Taste death for every man." This same spirit moved the Father to send the Holy Spirit into the world to convince the world of sin, of righteousness and of judgment. This spirit is the substance of the great commission, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." This spirit is in the heart of every regenerated person; and God designed that every believer should be a co-worker with him in the glorious work of saving souls. This is the work of the church of God's people to-day to unite their forces to more effectually accomplish this work.

Baptist are endeavoring to do this work. We have 1st, Indian Missions. More than 50 missionaries have been laboring in the Indian Territory and Oklahoma during last year. 2nd, Foreign Population.—Among those dwelling in Kansas, Missouri, and Louisville, and among the Germans and Mexicans, numerous in Texas, the Home Board has aided in supporting missionaries. The last report shows 365 missionaries labored in 1,324 churches and stations; preached 46,866 sermons; held 14,042 prayer-meetings; baptized 5,274 converts; and builded 80 church houses.

We insist, Brethren, that this Association should give more attention to this great work; and on our Executive Board to continue their 5th Sunday meetings. For we believe that our success this year has grown out of these meetings, and much has been done already by these. Each and every church is urged to give the amounts asked for. Surely we will do this. Let us come up with liberal contributions to this department of our work.

The work that seems necessary for us at this time is to arouse our people to some systematic way of sustaining our mission work, for this is the life of our churches: and we are to do all we can in this line of church work. Brethren, there seems to be something wrong here; for when we consider the importance of giving this gospel, that has done so much for us, to those who have it not, we are made to feel that our boards ask very

reasonable amounts for the different missions.

The Home Mission Board last year asked this state for \$5,000, yet we gave less than half that amount.

Brethren, if we would be obedient to our Lord's commands, we should inform ourselves about the destitute portions of our Home Mission work, which includes all destitution in the Southern States, Cuba and the Territories.

Let our prayers go up to the great Head of the church for large blessings upon our labors, and that during the next Associational year, many now in darkness may be brought to the light and liberty of the gospel.

ELD W E LANCASTER,  
J F RAY, } Com.  
W O CRUM,

### FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The last report of our Foreign Mission Board was in many respects the most cheering ever presented. They reported 91 Foreign missionaries. This number is divided as follows: Ordained ministers, 38; their wives, 36; lady missionaries in addition to the wives of the ministers, 17. The lady missionaries are engaged in instructing the young and carrying the gospel to the women in their homes. In addition to the 91 Foreign Missionaries there are 21 ordained and 60 unordained native workers. These are supported in part by the contributions of their own people.

Our Foreign Mission Board now has missionaries in the following countries: Japan, China, Africa, Italy, Brazil and Mexico.

The largest numbers baptized last year were in Brazil, South China and Mexico. In Brazil there were 90, South China 120, in Mexico, 127. The total number baptized was 434. The contributions of our members in Foreign countries last year averaged nearly one dollar and fifty cents a member.

Our work in Mexico is especially encouraging. It began only ten years ago. In the state of Coahuila, Mexico, we now have 25 churches organized into our Association. That Association numbers 800 members and they gave to missions last year \$1200, which was more than Lippah Association gave. The state of Mississippi gave to Foreign Missions last year \$5,800. We are asked for \$12,000 this year and we ought to give it easily. This is the Centennial year. 100 years ago, on Oct. 2, 1892, the first modern Foreign Mission society was organized in England. Twelve Baptist preachers met at the house of a Baptist widow, organized the society and laid on the table as their first contribution, the sum of 13 pounds 2 shillings and 6 pence (about \$65.) In 1893 Wm Carey, the first modern missionary to the heathen, started to India. He labored nearly 7 years before a single heathen was brought to Christ, but before he died he did a mighty work, bringing many souls to Christ and translating the Bible into over 40 dialects of the language in India.

Foreign Mission work did not begin 100 years ago. It was commanded



ed by Christ, carried on by Paul and others of New Testament times and vigorously prosecuted by the early christians. But during the dark ages, when Catholicism had control of the world and God's true children were few and poor and persecuted, the work was stopped. When Wm. Carey sounded his bugle call in 1792, he was only calling christians back to the ideas of Christ and Paul, and Christ's people rose again to undertake the work which had been interrupted during the dark ages. We are celebrating this as the 100th year since we renewed the work. We want to raise a thank offering this year for God's wonderful goodness during the 100 years. We want to raise in the Southern Baptist Convention \$2 00 00 as a permanent fund. Half of it for the Foreign Board and half as the Home Board. Notice that this is to be used as a permanent fund. By this we mean that it is to be used in building chapels, printing scriptures, etc. In addition to this we want to carry on and increase our regular work. Ought it to be done? Yes, for thousands of our people have been giving nothing and all can give something and many who have been giving can give more without doing more than their duty.

Let us all pray "Thy kingdom come," and let us do as we pray."

W T LOWREY,

T L GAY,

P T LUNA,

Z SMITH.

The report on Temperance was read by Eld J N McMillin, spoken to by himself and adopted

### TEMPERANCE.

Intemperance in anything leads to harm. The use of intoxicating drinks is doubtless the greatest intemperance of our times, leading as it does to physical mental, moral, and spiritual harm. Our last legislature gave us a law which will help check this evil. But it becomes every christian to be still more zealous and to lend his influence toward blotting out this curse from our country.

Respectfully Submitted,

FRANK FERRELL, }

R W HODGES, }

THOS DUNCAN, }

M A RICH, }

Com.

The report on Finance was read by J A Norriss and adopted.

### FINANCE.

We your committee on "Finanee beg leave to report the following

amounts contributed by the different churches for printing minutes:

Academy...	\$1.65	Mount Moriah.....	\$ .75
Ashland.....	1.00	Mitchell.....	.55
Bethlehem.....	1.00	New Bethel.....	.40
Beulah.....	.90	New Hope.....	.70
Blue Mountain.....	3.00	New Macedonia.....	.75
Bluff Springs.....	1 00	New Prospect.....	.75
Canaan.....	2.00	Oaklimeter.....	.60
Central.....	.85	Pleasant Hill (T.).....	.50
Chewalla.....	—	Pleasant Hill (B.).....	.75
Clear Creek.....	1.30	Pleasant Ridge.....	—
Curtis Creek.....	.50	Providence.....	1.25
Falkner.....	.50	Ripley.....	3.00
Fellowship.....	1.20	Shady Grove (T).....	.50
Flat Rock.....	1.00	Shady Grove (U).....	.40
Harmony.....	.85	Union.....	1.50
Hickory Flat.....	1.00	Unity.....	1.00
Hopewell.....	.75		
Lebanon.....	1.00	TOTAL.....	\$33.15

Respectfully Submitted, J A NORRIS, }  
M R STARK, } Com  
W T GREENE, }

The Treasurer's report was then called for and read-by the Treasurer,  
Rev J N McMillin, and adopted.

### TREASURER'S REPORT.

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To cash from Ashland Church.....	\$	13.75
“ Academy “.....		32.50
“ Bethlehem “.....		2 50
“ Beulah “.....		23.50
“ Blue Mount'n “.....		528.02
“ Bluff Springs “.....		7.00
“ Canaan “.....		13.45
“ Central “.....		5.00
“ Clear Creek “.....		6.25
“ Falkner “.....		7.75
“ Fellowship “.....		54.09
“ Flat Rock “.....		40.00
“ G W Wright for Harmony.....		10.00
“ Hopewell Church.....		1.25
“ Lebanon “.....		7.80
“ Mount Moriah “.....		11.00
“ A J R Willbanks for New Bethel.....		5.00

To Cash from New Macedonia Church .....	10.50
“ Oaklimer “ .....	2.00
“ Pleasant Hill (B.) “ .....	3.50
“ Providence “ .....	13 73
“ Ripley “ .....	64.30
“ Union “ .....	10.75
“ Unity “ .....	3 30
“ Mitchell “ .....	2.70
“ J R Burton for New Prospect Church.....	.25
“ Sale of Books.....	3.00
“ L P Cossitt .....	25.00
Total Received.....	\$907.89

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By amount sent J T Christian.....	\$511.24
“ “ B W Griffith.....	58.00
“ To L P Cossitt on salary of '91.....	25.00
“ “ Express on Con. Min.....	.80
“ “ A C Vandiver on salary.....	25.00
“ “ W E Berry—deficit on last year's account.....	34.95
“ “ M Gilian on salary “ “ salary.....	10.00
“ “ “ “ this year.....	20.50
“ “ E J Eubanks on last year's salary.....	25.00
“ “ W H Whitsitt.....	50.00
“ “ Mrs Leavell.....	5.90
“ “ E A Wesson's Board.....	21.65
“ “ A J R Willbanks on salary.....	25.00
“ “ H B Russum “ .....	15.00
“ “ L P Cossitt “ .....	25.00
Total paid out.....	\$853.04
Balance on hand.....	54.85

J N McMILLIN, Treas

The old Executive Board was re-elected except Eld W E Berry who retires at his own request and W T Lowrey, D D., takes his place as chairman of said board.

Proceeded to select by ballot the place for holding the next session of this body and a preacher to preach the Introductory sermon. Next session will be held with Shady Grove church Tippah county, Miss., beginning Thursday before the 1st Sunday in Sept. 1893; and Eld E J Eubank is to preach the Introductory sermon, Eld W D Bene Alternate.

Eld J N McMillin was elected delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention.

## MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

The following resolutions were adopted:

RESOLVED 1ST. That this body express thanks to the generous people of Falkner and surrounding community for their hospitable entertainment and exceedingly kind treatment during our session.

2ND. That we express our sympathy for our brethren here in their effort to build a house of worship, and that we consider carefully the question of giving them some material assistance.

3RD. That our thanks are due to the Moderator and other officers of this body for their efficient service.

4TH. That our Clerk be instructed to reserve ten dollars of the money contributed for minutes for his own services, and use the rest in printing minutes and distributing them in proportion to the amounts contributed by them for this purpose.

5TH. That the thanks of this body are due, and are hereby tendered, the G. & C. R. R. Co., for kindness shown us.

A collection was then tak-n up for Falkner church amounting to 12 00.

The roll was called and absentees marked.

Minutes were read, corrected and adopted.

Adjourned after singing a parting song and extending to each other the parting hand, and joining with Eld W G Thompson in humble prayer to God for his guidance in the future.

ELD W E BERRY, Moderator.

J W CRUMP, Clerk.

## ORDAINED MINISTERS.

NAME.	POST-OFFICE.
W E Berry.....	Blue Mountain, Miss.
L A Bell.....	Dumas, "
L P Cossitt.....	Blue Mountain, "
J TCox.....	Hickory Flat, "
E J Eubanks.....	Jonesboro, "
E M Floyd.....	Myrtle, "
H L Finley.....	Blue Mountain, "
R E Fowler.....	Beulah, "
M Gilian.....	Ashland, "
W M Gadd.....	Myrtle, "
W P Hutchinson.....	Myrtle, "
W D Lancaster.....	Jonesboro, "
G L Landers.....	Geeville, "
H P Lipford.....	Ashland, "
W T Lowrey.....	Blue Mountain, "
J D Morton.....	Ashland, "
Joseph Pearce.....	Ripley "

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H B Russum.....	Canaan, "
W G Thompson.....	Blue Mountain, "
D C West.....	Ashland, "
J N McMillin.....	Blue Mountain, "
W P Caviness.....	Canaan, "
W E Lancaster.....	Silver Springs, "
Berry Willbanks.....	Lowrey, "
T J Valentine.....	Grand Junction, Tenn.

## LICENTIATES.

## NAME.

## POST OFFICE.

W C Barnes.....	Hickory Flat, Miss.
H L Davis.....	Silver Springs, "
G H Miller.....	Ashland, "
E A Wesson.....	Blue Mountain, "
H L Whitten.....	Ripley, "
S H Flake.....	Jonesboro, "
A Anderson.....	Hickory Flat, "

## CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE. 1. This Association shall be called the Tippah Baptist Association.

ART. 2. It shall be composed of persons who have been duly elected delegates by the respective churches belonging to this union. The Moderator, Clerk and the Executive Board shall be officio members of the next session.

ART. 3. The delegates representing the different churches, shall, at the opening of each Association, present the letters specifying their appointments and also showing the number baptized, received by letter, dismissed, excluded, restored and dead, during the year with the whole number in Fellowship.

ART. 4. Every church belonging to this body shall be entitled to three delegates until they number fifty members, and then one for each fifty over that number.

ART. 5. Churches of this union failing to represent themselves for 3 successive meetings shall be considered as dropped by the Association.

ART. 6. New churches may be admitted into this body, signifying their wishes by letters and delegates, provided these be orthodox and are willing to walk in fellowship with us.

ART. 7. This Association shall have a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer who shall be chosen at each annual meeting (by private ballot) so soon as letters from churches are read and members names enrolled.

ART. 8. This body shall have no power to adopt rules that shall infringe upon the independence and rights of churches, yet it may drop such churches as may become disorderly, either in doctrine or discipline.

ART. 9. This body shall have a fund for its expenses, and churches



may send up funds for Domestic and Foreign Missions, or for the Bible cause. This Association will take charge of such funds and appropriate them as designated by the churches.

ART. 10. If any church have a difficulty with another church we advise her to take steps laid down in the 18th chap. of Matt., and no difficulty between the churches shall be entertained by this body unless such steps have been taken.

ART. 11. When churches of this union have gifts which they deem worthy of ordination, we advise them to call on sister churches for two or more ministers to set apart such gifts to the work of the gospel ministry, according to the New Testament, and we advise all presbyteries in the ordination of ministers and deacons and constitution of churches, to be governed by the abstract of principles of this Association.

ART. 12. This Association will correspond with sister Associations of the same faith and order.

ART. 13. The minutes of this body shall be read, corrected and signed by the Moderator and Clerk, before the session rises. No session shall adjourn, unless in extraordinary cases, until it has finished all its business.

ART. 14. The Association shall have an Executive Board, consisting of a Treasurer and six other members who shall be chosen annually.

ART. 15. This constitution may be altered or amended at any annual meeting by a majority of two-thirds the members present.

#### ABSTRACT OF FAITH.

1. We believe in only one living and true God; the Father, son and Holy Ghost, and these three are one.

2. We believe the Bible to be the Word of God, and it is our only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the total depravity of human nature, and that man is dead in trespasses and sin.

4. We believe that salvation is the gift of God by grace through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, and that sinners are justified in the sight of God alone by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ, which is unto and with that believe.

5. We believe in the doctrine of Election, that God has from the beginning chosen us to salvation through sanctification of the spirit and belief of the truth.

6. We believe that the Holy Spirit accompanies the Word of God in the salvation of man, in answer to the prayer of Christians.

7. We believe in the final preservation of saints, and that all who truly believe shall be eternally saved.

8. We believe that baptism is immersion alone, and that none but true believers are proper subjects of the ordinance, and that none but regularly baptized and ordained ministers have a right to administer it, and that it is a prerequisite to the Lord's Supper, and that all who come to the Lord's table must come according to the Lord's Word.

9. We believe that a gospel church is a band of true believer's in

Christ, who have been regularly baptized upon a profession of their faith in Him, and that there are but two officers in the church, the Elder or Pastor and the Deacon.

10. We believe it to be the duty of each church to extend and circulate the Word of God as far as their means will enable them.

11. We believe in the resurrection of the bodies of all men, and in a future and general judgment, and that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked shall be eternal.

### RULES OF DECORUM.

1. The Association shall be opened by prayer.

2. The Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the members present by private ballot.

3. The Moderator shall be considered the judge of order, but any member not satisfied with his decision may appeal, provided the appeal be made on the same day, but at no subsequent time.

4. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speaking as other members, but not to vote unless his vote be necessary to decide the question. If he rises to speak, he shall call some brother to take the chair.

5. All questions brought before the Association shall be introduced by motion. When a subject has been taken up and a reasonable time allowed for discussion, the Moderator shall call for a vote and if a call for a division be made, it shall be decided by the members rising.

6. Any member desiring to speak shall rise and address the Moderator. Only one member shall be allowed to speak at a time, who shall not be interrupted while speaking unless he depart from the subject or make personal reflection.

7. No person shall speak more than once upon any subject until all who wish to speak shall have had an opportunity, nor more than twice upon any subject without permission.

8. All subjects introduced for discussion shall be decided before another shall be offered unless it be laid over by motion, with the consent of the mover and the Association.

9. This Association shall in all cases be governed by a majority of the members present, except in the reception of churches, then a unanimous vote shall be required. But in no case shall one member or church prevent the reception of a church without cause shown, which shall be determined by a majority.

10. The names of members shall be called when the Association shall direct, and absentees marked. Any member wishing to retire shall obtain permission of the Moderator.

11. The appellation of "Brother" shall be used in addressing each other and only scripture titles in our minutes.

12. Any member violating these rules shall be subject to reproof by the Moderator, but only on the day that the breach shall have been made.

13. Amendments or alterations may be made to these rules when a majority may deem it necessary.

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## CONTRIBUTIONS OF CHURCHES.

CHURCHES.	Pastor's Salary.....	Home Church Expenses.	State Missions.....	Home Missions.....	Foreign Missions....	Ministerial Education.	S. S. Expenses.....	Sustentation.....	Total .....
Academy.....	150.00			33.50					183.50
Ashland.....			1.00	10.75	2.00				13.75
Bethlehem.....				23.50					148.50
Beulah.....	125.00			40.40	217.02	121.65	41.20		1670.27
Blue Mountain	700.00	428.00	119.00	7.00					7.00
Bluff Springs..			1.00	1.70					2.70
Canaan.....			5.00	1.00			.75		31.75
Central.....	25.00								42.00
Chewalla.....									
Clear Creek....	40.00	2.00							
Curtis Creek...				7.50					7.50
Falkner.....			43.09	10.00					53.09
Fellowship....			40.00						40.00
Flat Rock.....			10.00						10.00
Harmony.....									
Hickory Flat...									
Hopewell.....			7.80						27.80
Lebanon.....	20.00			2.70					2.70
Mit hell.....			1.25						16.25
Mount Moriah..	15.00								
New Bethel....									
New Hope.....			5.00	5.00			3.50		13.50
New Macedonia.					.45				.45
Oaklimeter.....									
New Prospect..									
Pleasant Hill(T)				3.00					3.00
Pleasant Hill(B)									
Pleasant Ridge..									
Providence.....	60.00	125.00				13.48			198.48
Ripley.....	75.00	69.31	17.85		50.00		18.34		230.50
Shady Grove(T)									
Shady Grove(U)					8.00				111.15
Union.....	100.00	3.15							
Unity.....									
TOTALS.....	1310.00	627.46	243.99	145.35	279.17	135.13	63.79		2818.89



# STATISTICAL TABLE.

No.	CHURCHES.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.	PASTORS.	POST OFFICE	TIME OF MEETING.	No. Baptized.....	Restored by Letter.....	Dismiss'd by Letter.....	Excluded.....	Died.....	Total Membership.
1	Academy.....	J A Norriss.....	G W Potter.....	Guyton. Miss	4th Sunday	2		1	1	75	
2	Ashland.....	J W Poff, Frank Ferrell.....		Ashland.....	"	2	3	6	1	44	
3	Bethlehem.....	None Present.....	U A West.....	Ashland.....	3rd Sunday	3		1		46	
4	Beulah.....	A L Collins, P M Frazier, J W Shackelford.....	C W Smith.....	Beulah.....	1st "	6	5	4	2	134	
5	Blue Mountain	W T Lowrey, H L Finley, W G Thompson, J W Lowrey, S A Godwin	W T Lowrey.....	Blue M'nt'n	1, 2, 3, 4 "	19	9	17	4	285	
6	Bluff Springs..	J A Autry, W T Grisham.....	M Gillian.....	Tippah.....	4th "	10	10			55	
7	Canaan.....	E T Doyle, R D Hume.....	U A West.....	Canaan.....	3rd "		2	3		70	
8	Central.....	J R Nutt, G M Street.....	L P Cossitt.....	Pine Grove	2nd "				2	28	
9	Chewalla.....	*.....	L P Cossitt.....	Holly Spr'gs	4th "					b 47	
10	Clear Creek...	H A Smith, W G Anderson, W W Anderson, J J Shackelford.....		Dumas.....	4th "			10	15	85	
11	Curtis Creek...	a Thomas Duncan.....		Floyd.....	"					43	
12	Falkner.....	S O Welch, B M Connor, T L Gay.....	E J Eubanks.....	Falkner....	1st & 3d "	16	3	2		89	
13	Fellowship...	R W Hodges, J W Hodges, J E Williams.....	W E Berry.....	Clarysville.	2nd "	3	1	10	1	134	
14	Flat Rock.....	W O Crum, M C Selph, J Q Hunter.....	W E Berry.....	Blue M'nt'n	1st "	11		10	1	120	
15	Harmony.....	S H Flake, P T Luna, G M Anderson.....	E J Eubanks.....	Walnut.....	"	37	3		1	88	
16	Hickory Flat...	J T Cox.....	J R Sumner.....	Hickory Flat	2nd "			1	3	24	
17	Hopewell.....	E S Carpenter, W T Green.....	A C Vandiver.....	Mitchell....	3rd "	4	6	1	5	50	
18	Lebanon.....	W E Lancaster, J H Cartwright.....	A C Vandiver.....	Mitchell....	"	8	13	1	6	42	
19	Mitchell.....	L F Carmichael, Z Smith.....	A C Vandiver.....	Mitchell....	3rd "	3	12			22	
20	Mount Moriah..	J F Stark, J W Drewry, M R Stark.....	W E Berry.....	Ripley.....	4th "		3	5		48	
21	New Bethel....	Port Phillips.....	Berry Willbanks.....	Lowrey.....	2nd "	5	3	1		50	
22	New Hope.....	J P Samples, J W Davis, J S Lowrey.....	J L Ferguson.....	Ashland.....	2nd "			1	15	1 3 48	
23	New Macedonia	F J Deen, E A Wesson.....	J N McMillin.....	Blue M'nt'n	3rd "	5	1	3		33	
24	New Prospect..	G R Burton, M A Rich, J M Scott.....	H B Russum.....	Canaan.....	"			4	1	42	
25	Oaklimer.....	John Newman, John Simpson.....	W P Hutchinson.....	Hick'ry Fl't	4th "	2	1	3		44	
26	Pleas'nt Hill(T)	E Duncan, Turner Mathis, J T Nabors.....	J W West.....	Lowrey.....	"	7	1	2	1	63	
27	Pleasant Hill(B)	W M Simpson, P J Morton.....	J T Cox.....	Ashland.....	"	3		8	1	30	
28	Pleasant Ridge	*.....		Ridgeville..	"						
29	Providence....	J L Greene, J P Holcombe, J D Smith, J S Smith.....	J N McMillin.....	Iplersville..	"	6		4	1	109	
30	Ripley.....	W J McIntyre, Dayton, Whitten.....	J N McMillin.....	Ripley.....	1st "		5	1	2	94	
31	Shady Grove(T)	J W Graves, J T Graves.....	J D Morton.....	Ripley.....	2nd "	1				64	
32	Shady Grove(U)	R M Garrett.....	E M Floyd.....	Myrtle.....	3rd "			9		16	
33	Union.....	W J Hollis, W F Jeffrey.....	J N McMillin.....	Jonesboro..	"	8	1	5	1	2 142	
34	Unity.....	L C Street, J A Queene.....	H B Russum.....	Grand Junction	"	1	1	6	1	31	
TOTALS.....						159	84	10	138	25 25	2295

\* Not represented. Number reported last year.

b. Not represented this year nor ast.

a. No letter present.

